

Oaks Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Oaks Notes



Acorns on the Ground



Jonathan and Kandi Burke

“Continue to Trust”

Recently our son and daughter-in-law moved to Houston and are now living with Cheryl and I until they find their own place. Now Kandi and Jonathan had made plans to move to Texas for a while but they had planned to move to Pittsburg, Texas and live near our daughter, Sarah and her family. They decided to move to Houston because there are more job opportunities and Kandi will find more opportunities in her chose field. She graduated this past May from Oklahoma State University with a degree in Accounting . She is currently working at Wal-Mart until she finds a job in accounting. Jonathan works for Wal-Mart also. We were delighted recently to welcome Jonathan and Kandi as new members of Oaks Christian Church.

Sometimes the “best laid plans of mice and men go astray.”

Jonathan and Kandi Burke did not expect to find their selves in Houston, Texas but here they are. I really do not believe in “good luck” but I do believe in God’s grace. Have you every found yourself in a place where the plan you had thought would happen was changed? And maybe it was not a minor change but it turned out to be a major change. It could be that you asked the question, “What do I do now?” I have a suggestion. Continue to pray, continue to trust and continue to have faith. God is still in control and God is still active. God has not abandoned you and God is not intentionally trying to “mess up your life.” When God closes a door, a window is opened. Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV) has this great word: “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight.”

I pray that whatever your life may bring, you will continue to trust in God.



Reverend Randy Burke and Wife Cheryl

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OAKS CHRISTIAN CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR AUGUST 2008



August Birthdays

Alice Freeland, Denise Luna	1
Al Gonzales	2
Amy Dyes, Kelly Huey, Johnny Murphy	4
Chris King	5
Francis Love, Steven Shipman	18
Pat Wray	20
Amber Hursman, Katie Spencer, Pat Scruggs	21
Jill Doremus	24
Sherri Murray	26
Tyler Nobles, Joe Saldivar	27
Cory Cox	29
Julie Clawson, Melanie Clawson	30
Robin Croix, Jamie Gonzales	31

If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please let the Church Office know.

And August Anniversaries

Oliver and Sue Harrison	8
Glen and Bernie Slaven	26
Homer and Nancy Greene	27



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 Bread Sunday Quarterly Birthdays Scrap Booking	4	4	6 Praise Ringer Choir Rehearsal	7 CWF - Bible Study (through Aug.) 6:30 p.m.	8	9
10	11	12	13 Praise Ringer Choir Rehearsal.	14 Rummage Sale	15	16
17	18	19	20 Praise Ringer Choir Rehearsal.	21	22	23
24 31* Scrap Booking * Pastor Randy Vacation	25	26	27* Praise Ringer Choir Rehearsal. * Pastor Randy Vacation	28* * Pastor Randy Vacation	29* * Pastor Randy Vacation	30* * Pastor Randy Vacation

If you have something for the calendar, please let the Church Office know.

Sunday School and Worship services

Sunday School and morning worship will take place as usual every Sunday in August. Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. and Sunday morning worship at 10:45 a.m.

Church Office

The Church Office is open Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you have a pastoral emergency call the pastor's cell number.



Pastor Randy Burke's Phone #'s
832.729.1598 - Cell
713.983.0717 - Home

*Please note: Pastor Randy will be on Vacation starting August 27th and returning September 3rd.



Smile!
Jesus
Loves
You!

A Note from Verna Lamb

Sunday, August 3rd and 31st will have a "Scrap booking/ Craft Day" in Kirchner Hall. It will be after lunch (around 2 pm) and is open to ALL!

Please join us for some fun and fellowship.

Looking Ahead...

Labor Day Festival
Oaks Christian Church

Time: 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Date: September 1, 2008
Come One! Come All!
Bring your Family and Friends
Have a Fun Day
And Save Gas

Hot Dogs, Barbecue, Games, Moon
Walk, Volleyball, Music and MORE

Thank You Notes



Madge Lucille Spencer
February 7, 1929 - June 6, 2008

I want to take this time to thank everyone for all the cards, flowers, hugs, thoughts and prayers for the loss of Madge Spencer. It has meant so much to all of us to have our church family wrap their arms around us during this time.

Losing Madge was sudden and a shock to us all. Michael was hit the hardest as he and Madge were very close, and had a most special relationship. When Michael came into Madge's life at the age of 2 years old he brought out the side of Madge that had been lost for a while. She was a loner, rather quiet and a homebody, but when Michael captured her heart her life opened up and she found love, joy, happiness and a very special grandchild to share her life with.

I so appreciate those of you who took the time to single Michael out to give him special attention and

comfort during this time. He himself noticed this and told me that our church is very special, and it means a lot to him that people made him feel good inside at such a painful time in his life.

Thanks,
Katie Spencer

Received July 12, 2008

Dear Folks at Oaks -
I am pleased to report that my surgery is over and my recuperating time is about to come to an end. Thankfully, I didn't need further treatment.



I know your prayers have been with me and has given me courage to get through this.

Thank all of you for your support, your cards and phone calls during this time.

Love,
Pat Hodde

Service Committee - Rosalie Willard

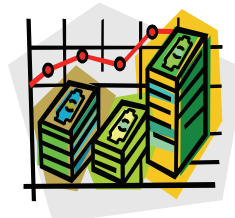
The Service committee asks for Oaks members to please donate all old, no longer in service cell phones and/or cell phone chargers. There will be a box for their collection in the narthex.

These phones can be programmed for 911 uses only and given to battered women. Newer phones can also be refurbished and given to service men and women overseas with free hours of service. We will be collecting these items through the month of July.



June Sunday School and Church Attendance

Attendance for the Month of June 2008	Sunday School	Church Attendance
June 1	27	60
June 8	32	76
June 15	20	61
June 22	38	70
June 29	33	76
TOTALS	150	343



From the Treasurer Dorene Drake

Operating Account	March	April	May
Deposits	11,647.53	9,542.96	11,136.00
Disbursements	(15,203.45)	(11,601.68)	(12,697.32)
Difference	(3,555.92)	(2,058.72)	(1,561.32)

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MANNA'S THRIFT STORE

For more information
Contact **Marie** at
(713) 686-6440

MANNA DONATION NEEDED

The MANNA Pantry continues to need powdered milk, rice, noodles, can soup and Jiffy cornbread mix. Also travel size shampoo and toothpaste.



Donations may be brought to Oaks Christian Church, First Sunday of the Month Service or to Oaks Fellowship Hall 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday.



Donations may also be made directly to the Manna Food Pantry located 2101 West 34th Street at Oak Forest Blvd (across the street from Doyle's) Monday, Tuesday, and Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Thank you in advance for your continuing support.